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“Everything should be made as  
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Albert Einstein

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- Prevention Network was started about 25 years ago as the “Prevention Network of Volunteers.”
- Prevention Network has a 25 year history of working with grassroots volunteers.
- In the past 11 years, Prevention Network has expanded its programs and has included more professional, trained, and funded agencies and Coalitions (with a big “C”).

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What we (I) believe.

- Preventing substance use is 100% art, 100% science, 100% passion, 100% volunteer, 100% professional, and a bunch of other 100% parts.
- Underage drinking and youthful tobacco use are the two biggest threats to public health in this country.

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- Every individual and group who would like to work towards the public health goal of preventing ATOD abuse should have access to the latest, greatest, most helpful information available to address their local issues.
- Culture transcends race, color, geography language, and finances.
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What Prevention Network can offer to your local group:

- **Expertise.** Although we all have some basic understanding of the SPF principals, each staff member excels at their individual program issues
- **Experience.** Understanding on how to respectfully work with the untrained passionate people in your region

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- **Assistance.** We will work with the volunteer sector in your region.
- **Funding for volunteer efforts.** Grant assistance to the volunteer sector in your region
- **Cover.** State wide initiatives to help network your efforts and act on issues that may need a state-wide presence to address.

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- **Respect.** We understand that we are working with people in the region where you have responsibility. We understand that you know more about the funded prevention landscape in your region than anyone else.
- **Perspective.** Because we are funded with a different mandate that Coordinating Agencies, we are able to view things through a different lens.

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THIS SLIDE RESERVED FOR STRATEGIC  
PREVENTION FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW

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- My \$0.02 on cultural competence and sustainability.

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Questions and discussion...

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